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THE UNITED STATES ARMY SAYS:

The army is cognizant of the upward trend in the incidence of venereal disease in the armed forces and the factors behind it. At the present time, 40% of our venereal infections occur in soldiers who have just returned from furlough, illustrating the community nature of the problem. The control of venereal disease is not alone a medical problem, but one with social, moral, law enforcement and economic aspects which can only be solved through the close cooperation of all the Federal, State and community agencies involved.

**MAJOR GENERAL NORMAN T. KIRK,
SURGEON GENERAL, U. S. ARMY.**

THE UNITED STATES NAVY SAYS:

During the period 1940-42, venereal disease rates in the Navy dropped precipitously. During 1942-44, these rates climbed steadily and the trend upward continues. Widespread promiscuity, as differentiated from prostitution, however, is chiefly responsible for this change. No one can doubt, however, that this trend would have been even more pronounced had the program for repression of prostitution been prosecuted any less vigorously and tenaciously than it was. It is altogether probable that the Navy situation fore-shadows a coming crisis on the home front. The health of the Navy demands that the accomplishments of the repression programme be held against all attacks.

**ROSS T. MCINTIRE, VICE ADMIRAL, (M.C.),
SURGEON GENERAL, U. S. NAVY**

THE UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE SAYS:

We must not fall into the error of thinking that promiscuity and prostitution should be corrected only to prevent venereal disease. Prostitution is also a social and economic evil, and like promiscuity, threatens the basic unit of our society, the American family. If ever in our time we are going to clean up the situation, now is the time to do it.

**DR. THOMAS PARRAN, SURGEON GENERAL,
UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE,
FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY.**

A G R E E

THE AMERICAN SOCIAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATION SAYS:

During the war period, tremendous gains have been made in the control of venereal disease and the prevention and repression of prostitution and related activities. Millions of young men have been kept disease-free to fight for the freedom of our country. When they return, they have the right to demand the kind of communities in which they and their families can decently live. It is our responsibility to do all that is humanly within our power to assure those conditions permanently in communities throughout America.

*DR. WILLIAM F. SNOW, M.D.,
CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
AMERICAN SOCIAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATION.*

THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION SAYS:

Medical inspection of prostitutes is untrustworthy, inefficient, gives a false sense of security, and fails to prevent the spread of infection...physicians who knowingly examine prostitutes for the purpose of providing them with medical certificates to be used in soliciting are participating in an illegal activity and are violating the principles of accepted professional ethics.

*FROM A STATEMENT PASSED BY THE HOUSE
OF DELEGATES OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL
ASSOCIATION.*

THE POLICE SAY:

It must be reluctantly admitted that whenever scandals were exposed in police departments and in other branches of government, it was found that the corrupting influences of commercialized prostitution were the causes of the scandal...There is every reason to believe that the racketeers and gangsters who controlled the prostitution racket before the war are also making post-war plans to renew their activities.

FROM A RESOLUTION PASSED BY INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE.

THE SHERIFFS SAY:

The theory that prostitution is a "necessary evil" has been promoted by vice racketeers to keep themselves in business. When panders, madams and property owners who exploit the "girls" and their customers are put out of business, both the false theory and the unsavory racket disappear. The sheriffs of the Nation recognize prostitution for what it is--a filthy, money-making racket--and are determined to help wipe it out with every resource at their command.

*FROM A STATEMENT BY THE NATIONAL
SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION.*

DANGER AHEAD!

ARRESTS FOR SEX OFFENSES ARE INCREASING!
VENEREAL DISEASE RATES ARE RISING!

Police, doctors, social workers--all those who know what is happening in our communities--report INCREASING PROMISCUITY and foresee a WAVE OF PROSTITUTION.

LET'S GET THIS STRAIGHT!

Prostitutes are the most exploited people in the world, exploited by panders and the operators of low grade taverns, hotels and amusement places. Highly promiscuous "pick-ups" who loiter in bars or on street corners present many of the same problems as commercial prostitutes. Many become social outcasts. Many contract and spread venereal disease. Many are sick, mentally and physically.

PROSTITUTION CAN BE CLEANED UP!

To protect our Army and Navy and our "army in overalls" on the production line, 715 cities have closed their red-light districts. Many of these cities have cleaned up their taverns, hotels and dance halls. This is one of the reasons why venereal disease rates, in spite of the current increase, are the lowest for any wartime period. Prostitution has been made the subject of public discussion and exposed for what it is: a vicious racket, making money for a small group of operators and grafters through the exploitation of human beings. It is unnecessary, unsafe, and inhumane.

WE HAVE LEARNED HOW TO DEAL WITH IT!

We know how to prevent and repress prostitution through more efficient law enforcement policies, through the cooperation of associations representing the owners and operators of taverns, hotels, tourist camps and amusement places. We know how to redirect and aid women who have become involved in prostitution in order to help many of them return to jobs and normal living conditions. But there is danger ahead.

THESE GAINS MAY BE LOST!

WILL THE TOWNS STAY CLOSED?

"NO!" say the racketeers. "We'll open up as soon as the heat is off."

"YES!" say the police, "IF the citizens will back us up."

HOW ABOUT IT, MR. AND MRS. CITIZEN?

THE FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY SAYS:

In 1918 a general relaxing of measures to curtail venereal disease followed the Armistice--and the rate of infection reached epidemic proportions. We must not let this history repeat itself.

A similar upswing is already beginning. The armed forces report increasing infections. These are indications that operators are already reopening houses of prostitution. Conscientious police officers are frankly worried.

This is no time to relax efforts for community protection. Public and private organizations--Federal, State and local agencies and voluntary groups--must hold the line.

This war against venereal disease is a fight on many fronts. All these sectors--health, law enforcement, ethics, economics, and human dignity--are equally important.

The personal, social and ethical stake in this problem is essentially the concern of the individual, the home, the church, the school, and other forces that shape the pattern of our family and community life. Government, however, is concerned when prostitution and widespread promiscuity become a threat to public health and welfare--by spreading venereal disease; by undermining the families on which our society is built; and by exploiting a substantial segment of our population including young people for whom the future should hold promise.

These problems must, in the last analysis, be solved by the communities in which people live. Every department of local government--executive, health, police, welfare and education--shares this responsibility. They should have our full support. The Federal and State Government can help by keeping communities informed on ways and means--on effective and successful lines of action, particularly in health, welfare and law enforcement.

During the war, great gains have been made. These gains must be extended--not lost.

PAUL V. MCNUTT,
FEDERAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATOR.

PROSTITUTES, "PICK-UPS"

Many additional studies have been made during the war and we know more about these girls than we ever knew before. Here are some of the facts. Prostitutes and "pick-ups" are people with all the individual differences found in any other groups. Generally, the following are the reasons for their behavior:

- (1) A broken home or conflict with one or both of the parents who were either too strict or too indifferent.
- (2) A deep feeling of inferiority which resulted from economic or social or family conditions during their childhood.
- (3) A low average intelligence. They are not all morons as many people think, though a high percentage of them are "dull," that is, they do not learn easily or well.
- (4) An emotional immaturity with an inability to accept responsibility. They do not make friends; cannot keep jobs; fail in marriage. They do not belong to churches or clubs or associations or unions. They don't "belong" anywhere. Unless they are helped, they become the victims of parasites.

--and PARASITES

A host of parasites feed on the prostitutes. Their "take" runs all the way from "big money" to "chicken feed." Landlords exact excessive rents from prostitutes for the right to operate on their premises. Go-betweens (including some bellboys, waiters, taxi drivers) get a "cut" for bringing in customers. Quack doctors demand large fees for "medical certificates" that are meaningless. A few physicians make exorbitant charges for treatment of prostitutes when their infections become so serious that they can no longer work. Shyster lawyers make money by putting up bail, sometimes by blackmail. Corrupt patrolmen, who wink at conditions on their beat, take theirs in entertainment or bribes. Sometimes politicians, high and low, get paid for protection. Bartenders use girls for "hustling" drinks because it brings in more business; so do certain types of hotels. Unscrupulous taxi drivers who know the "spots" make money as go-betweens. Even some launderers, caterers, furniture and clothing dealers overcharge the prostitutes. Organized society itself is guilty when a system of routine fines is accepted as a left-handed way of "licensing" prostitutes. It is a shocking situation when a community is willing to profit from the sale of women's bodies.

But there is a way to end this exploitation. It comes when the citizens of a community stop believing that prostitution is "just an age-old evil that can't be eliminated" and start thinking and acting in modern terms of "good laws and humane treatment." Remember, prostitution is a racket. It can be smashed!

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3. Are there ways of helping the girl who has been referred by the police or has come out of jail or prison to get a job?
4. Is there a service to help girls find suitable places to live decently and at fair rentals?
5. Are there arrangements for girls to get temporary financial assistance while they are getting themselves adjusted and into jobs?
6. Is there provision for foster home care of children or other necessary services for the children of mothers who are held by the police, the court, or the jail?
7. Does the prison or reformatory give the girl the kind of help she needs while she is there, so that she will be better able to live and work decently when she comes out?
8. Are there services in the health department to help patients adjust their way of living so that they do not continue to become venereally infected?
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